(a) whether the Government propose to open Jute Research Centre in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the number of such centres proposed to be opened alongwith their location?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Oil Refinery in Tanjore

4709. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set-up a new oil refinery in Tanjore;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the royalty to Tamil Nadu and Assam on crude oil;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the plans to expand the exploration activity for oil and natural gas in the Cauvery Basin; and

(e) the total estimated crude reserves in the basin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) M/s Madras Refineries Ltd. is setting up a 0.5 MMTPA crude distillation unit at Panangudi village in Thanjavur District.

(b) and (c). The report of the Eswaran Committee on the rate of royalty on crude oil and natural gas, appointed by Government, is under examination.

(d) and (e). In order to supplement exploration for oil and gas in the Cauvery basin, one offshore block has been offered in the Fourth Round of bidding. The recoverable reserves in this basin as on 1.1.91 are 8.31 million tonnes

[*Translation*]

Revised Price of DMS Milk Products

4710. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of milk, butteer and ghee marketed by Delhi Milk Scheme have been recently revised;

(b) if so, the revised rates of these products; and

(c) when the revised rates came into effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHIR K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c). The scale price of Toned Milk marketed by DMS was revised from Rs. 4.50 to Rs. 5.00 per litre w.e.f. 14.12.90. The sale prices of Ghee and Butter were revised from 7th October, 1991 as under: